

Washington, DC – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) today released the following statement on the passage of the continuing resolution by the U.S. House of Representatives:

“It is unfortunate that we have to operate the Federal Government under a continuing resolution, but given the inability to reach a bipartisan agreement on a budget and twelve appropriations bills, a continuing resolution is necessary. However, I am pleased that the continuing resolution will provide adequate funding and flexibility for the Department of Defense and that it also fully funds our operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and provides a pay increase for our military personnel.”

“I also support the freeze in pay for federal employees, as it helps to reduce the deficit. On April 27, 2010, my colleagues and I supported legislation to reduce the deficit by freezing Congressional pay raises for Fiscal Year 2011. The measure, the Cancel the Pay Raise for Members of Congress in Fiscal Year 2011 Act (H.R. 5146), passed the United States House of Representatives by a vote of 402 to 15. The U.S. Senate then approved the bill the following day, and the legislation was signed into law by the President on May 14, 2010.”

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